

REMARKS

Claims 18 and 20-22 are pending in this application. Claims 18 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice, claims 20-21 have been amended, and claims 23-24 have been added by the present Amendment. No new matter is added by the amendment to claims 20 and 21 and the addition of claims 23-24.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The Examiner states that new sheets of Figs. 11A and 11B have not been accepted "because Figs. 11A and 11B are not consistent with Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6[, which] disclose three pixel portions and two openings[, whereas] Figs. 11A-11B show two pixel portions and one opening."

Applicants have changed Figs. 11A and 11B to show three portions and two openings each to be consistent with Figs. 1, 3, 5 and 6. The amended sheets for Figs. 11A and 11B are filed herewith, and have been labeled "Replacement Sheet".

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner accept Figs. 11A and 11B.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claim 18 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,635 ("Kwag").

Applicants have canceled claim 18, and respectfully request the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTION

The Examiner objects to claim 22 (misnumbered in the Office Action as claim 20)

because claim 22 recites “said electrode and the pixel electrode both include openings”, and claim 18 “already recites the pixel electrode having a plurality of openings”. Applicants have canceled claim 22.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 22 is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner’s indication that claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 20 and 21 to rewrite claims 20 and 21 in independent form.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,573,964 (“Takizawa”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0189914 (“Matsuyama”).

Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takizawa in view of Matsuyama, as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,879,364 (“Sasaki”).

As stated above, Applicants have canceled claim 18, and have amended claims 20 and 21 to rewrite claims 20 and 21 in independent form.

In addition, Applicants have canceled claim 22.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 18 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

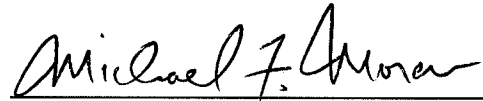
NEW CLAIMS 23 AND 24

Applicants submit new claims 23-24 for examination, and respectfully submit that support for the new claims can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 12-17 of

Applicants' disclosure (also found at ¶0038 of US2004/0227887 (application publication); and col. 4, lines 43-50 of US 6,700,635 (parent)).

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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